



**Circular No 3, December 2010.**

Dear All,

It is with sadness that I write what will be my last letter to you as President of MU Australia. Thank you and all your members, who have supported Eddie and me with your prayers over the last few months in particular. We lost Allan a little sooner than expected. We had hoped to reach Christmas, but that was not to be – he is now free from pain and suffering.

Allan's family are moving into a rented house close by. It is hard for his son who has lived with him in Gladstone, just completed Yr 12 and is looking for an apprenticeship. He is now living with his mother and older sister again. We are all looking to a quieter Christmas where healing that has begun, will continue to grow.

Considerable progress has been made in our partnership with Mary Sumner House and MU Melanesia, as we move towards establishing *Positive Parenting* in the Province of Melanesia. It is my hope that what is learnt in Melanesia, will help us to be able to introduce *Positive Parenting (PEP)*, to our indigenous and immigrant peoples.

The funding for Northern Outreach Dioceses has been finalised and I have attached a copy for you. Please note – **a two thirds majority of approval from Diocesan Presidents**, is needed to comply with our Constitution. This year many of you will be finishing your term of office on 31 December. Please ensure that your successor has this information. Replies must be sent to Rev'd Libby Crossman at [ppmuaustralia@telstra.com](mailto:ppmuaustralia@telstra.com) by 25 February, 2011.

Please also advise Beverly Ovens, Overseas and Northern Outreach Co-ordinator of your Diocese's decision – [beverleyovens@optusnet.com.au](mailto:beverleyovens@optusnet.com.au) This will allow funds to be distributed as soon as possible to the Bishops of North West Australia, Northern Territory and North Queensland, so they can then put their plans into action.

Beverley will remind you of the above in her first newsletter early in 2011.

This "changeover" has made me realise that we may need to rethink our current timeline for the organisation of the distribution of these funds.

I have enjoyed my time as President and all the opportunities that it has brought my way, especially working with you all, visiting your Dioceses and meeting members, and learning about the diversity of the Anglican Church in Australia through you. You are the people who make MU Australia the mission movement it is.

Thank you and congratulations on all you have achieved.

I pray that you and your families have a happy and holy Christmas, and that in all the busyness, you find time to rest.

God bless you all.

Deane.